

CLAIMS:

1. An online Service, offering email, chat, messaging, people-location-in-a-dynamic-scenario, auctions etc. services, based upon REAL ID of its Subscribers comprising of a Service Provider as operator of the Service and individuals, businesses, organisations etc. as Subscribers wherein Service Provider shall do necessary validation checks on a prospect's real world credentials through their passport, driving license, birth certificate, identity card, business registration certificate or any other relevant document that helps in establishing their real world credentials before assigning them REAL ID and inducting as Subscriber,
2. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Service Provider may engage services of a third party to carry out such validation checks on the prospect, may forge alliances or seek co-operation from government/quasi-government/private agencies to validate a potential Subscriber,
3. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Service Provider shall have suitable mechanism in place to update a Subscriber's personal profile on an ongoing basis,
4. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Service Provider shall bear the onus of correctness of a Subscriber's real life credentials that form part of Subscriber's personal profile and are available for viewing by all the Subscribers,
5. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Service Provider shall stipulate certain mandatory information i.e. age, sex (for Individual Subscribers), location, contact particulars, contact person's particulars (for Institutional Subscribers) etc. that shall form part of a Subscriber's personal profile which shall be available in the public domain; Subscriber's personal profile shall be authenticated by the Service Provider before it is made available in the public domain; Any changes to a Subscriber's personal profile shall require Service Provider's authentication;
6. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Subscribers to the Service shall have the option of making available further details about themselves in their personal

profile in the public domain or to the other Subscribers who are in their contact list; Subscribers shall have the option of building a dynamic profile, apart from the personal profile of theirs that would indicate their availability on a given date,

7. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Individuals, Businesses, Government Agencies, Organizations etc. join in as Subscribers upon validation of their real world credentials; Individuals join in as Individual Subscribers and businesses, organizations etc. join in as Institutional Subscribers,

8. An online Service according to Claim 1 where Service Provider offers E-mail, messaging, chat, people-location-in-a-dynamic-scenario, auctions, dating, individual matchmaking, business matchmaking, business transactions, personal announcements etc. services to its Subscribers based upon their REAL ID; And any other online service(s) that riding on a Subscriber's REAL ID,

9. An online Service according to Claim 1 where Service Provider offers a people location service in a dynamic scenario based upon its Subscribers' REAL ID enabling them to indicate their availability/non-availability, to people in their contact list or to all the Subscribers, at their place of domicile on a particular date; indicate the current location, to people in their contact list or to all the Subscribers, where they are available; indicate the future dates, to people in their contact list or to all the Subscribers, during which they will not be available at their place of domicile; indicate, to people in their contact list or to all the Subscribers, the location where they will be at a future date; allow people, in their contact list or to all the Subscribers, to contact them by e-mail, phone or any other means of contact; search for people (in their contact list or all the Subscribers) arriving at their place of domicile on a particular date by age, sex, place of domicile, interest, hobby etc.; search for people (in their contact list or all the Subscribers) who are/shall be at a particular location on a particular date by age, sex etc.; contact people, if they have provided their contact particulars, in public domain by e-mail, phone or any other contact particulars provided by them,

10. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Subscribers can opt to receive e-mails only from other Subscribers of the Service; can send/receive e-mail to/from non-Subscribers who subscribe to traditional e-mail services i.e. Yahoo!, Hotmail etc. that are

available for subscription to public either on free basis or fee basis; can not send e-mail to non-subscribing institutions,

11. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Subscribers can opt to chat only with the Subscribers to the Service in a chat room; can opt to chat in a chat room with non-Subscribers where their REAL ID is known to the others while the Subscriber does not know others in the chat room,

12. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Subscribers can make personal announcement i.e. birth of a child, relocation etc. to people in their contact list or to all the Subscribers to the Service; can search for announcements made by people in their contact list; can search for announcements made by any of the Subscriber to the Service by relocation, birth of a child, by place of domicile, name etc. categories; Institutional Subscribers too can make announcements such as forthcoming IPO, deny rumours in the market about their organisation etc.,

13. An online communication Service according to claim 1 wherein said Service Provider maintains a database of Subscribers, wherein each Subscriber has an ID (REAL ID), based upon Subscriber's real world credentials, provided by the Service Provider; which is held by the Service Provider and which must be provided by the Subscriber at Service Provider's web site when intending to use services provided on Service Provider's web site.

14. An online Service according to Claim 1 where Service Provider charges Institutional Subscribers for usage of services offered; where Service Provider may/may not charge individual Subscribers for usage of services offered,

15. An online Service according to Claim 1 where Service Provider may integrate a Subscriber's email a/c to his PDA/Mobile Phone or any such gadget,

16. An online Service according to Claim 1 wherein Service Provider may integrate Subscriber's ID with other service providers who offer services similar or different from Service Provider's service viz. online auction service providers, online payment service providers or any other service provider who may need to ride on the REAL ID of the

individual, institutions and business etc.

16. A functionality whereby a sender of an e-mail is able to incorporate a confidential comment, message or narration meant only for a particular recipients OR a group of recipients in the TO/CC/ BCC list and such recipients of such e-mail is able to open and read the same in confidence. The functionality shall be made available to Users of e-mail services irrespective of email Applications, Systems etc.; Users of any kind of e-mail service or e-mail Application that enables them to send or receive an e-mail,

17. A functionality according to Claim 16 whereby a user of the Service can view all the email addresses that were there in the BCC list of an email sent by him/her at a later date if he/she has retained a copy of the email in 'sent emails' folder,